

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~single-use~~ contact lens package with a contact lens therein, wherein ~~the package has an internal depth which is less than an overall sagittal depth of the contact lens when the contact lens is in its equilibrated state~~ the contact lens is deformed within the contact lens package.
2. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 1, wherein the package comprises two sheets of material sealed together.
3. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 2, wherein the sheets are sealed around an entire perimeter of the package.
4. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 2, wherein the sheets are sealed in an area surrounding the contact lens.
5. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 2 ~~4~~, ~~wherein in addition to the seal surrounding the contact lens there is~~ further comprising a seal around a perimeter of the package, wherein the seal in the area surrounding the contact lens is stronger ~~around the contact lens~~ than the seal around a the perimeter of the package.
6. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 2, wherein the sheets are unsealed at at least one corner of the package.
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 2, wherein the sheets are each multi-layer laminates.

9. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 2, wherein the sheets comprise polyolefin.
10. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 2, wherein one sheet is a multi-layer laminate and the other ~~the~~ sheet is polyolefin.
11. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 10, wherein the multi-layer laminate comprises one or more materials selected from the group consisting of polyethylene terephthalate, polypropylene, and aluminum.
12. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 1, wherein the package has a first space containing a hydration medium.
13. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 2, wherein each of the two sheets is flat.
14. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 12, wherein the package has a second space also containing a hydration medium.
15. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 14, wherein the lens is disposed in the first space;
and wherein the hydration medium in the second space is separated from the first space ~~are separated~~ by a seam between two sheets of material.
- 16-17. (Cancelled)
18. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 14, wherein the second space for hydration medium is connected to the first space.
19. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 14, wherein the second space for hydration medium ~~may be snapped off from~~ is coupled to the first space by a frangible connection.

20. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 18, wherein ~~the connection is flexible~~ the first space is flexibly coupled to the second space.

21. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 14, wherein the second space for hydration medium has a removable cap.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 2, wherein the sheets pull apart to release the lens.

24. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 2, wherein the two sheets are separated by a support member.

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 24, wherein the support member surrounds a periphery of the lens.

27. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 26, wherein the support member includes a netting.

28. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 27, wherein the netting supports the lens.

29. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 28, wherein the netting is made of a polyolefin material.

30. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 18, wherein the first space is coupled to the second space by a perforated connection ~~is perforated~~.

31. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 2, wherein at least one of the sheets is transparent.
32. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 2, wherein at least one surface of at least one of the sheets is colored.
33. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 32, wherein the color is displayed inwardly toward the contact lens when the package is in a sealed state so that the contact lens may be ~~easily visualized~~ viewed when the package is opened.
34. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 33, wherein the color is selected from the group consisting of white, ~~light~~ blue, and ~~light~~ green.
35. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 2, wherein at least one of the sheets displays symbols and the symbols are displayed inwardly toward the contact lens when the package is in a sealed state so that the symbols may be ~~visualized~~ viewed when the package is opened.
36. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 35, wherein the symbols are selected from the group consisting of text, diagrams, and drawings.
37. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 19, wherein the second space for hydration medium serves as a handle for the package.
38. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 2, wherein at least one of the sheets is embossed.
39. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 38, wherein at least one of the sheets is embossed with one or more patterns selected from an abstract pattern, a grid, and a logo.

40. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 1, wherein ~~the contact lens has a total sagittal depth of between about 3.8 and about 5.0 mm and the package internal depth is less than about 3.0 mm.~~ said deformed contact lens is compressed within said contact lens package.

41. (Cancelled)

42. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 1, wherein the contact lens is confined in the package such that it the lens is always maintained in ~~the~~ a same orientation while inside the package.

43. (Cancelled)

44. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 2, wherein at least one of the two sheets is indented.

45. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 44, wherein one of the two sheets has a convex indentation.

46. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 45, wherein the convex indentation is aligned with a posterior surface of the lens.

47. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 44, wherein one of the two sheets has a convex indentation and one of the sheets has a concave indentation.

48. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 1, wherein the internal package configuration ~~causes~~ maintains the lens ~~to always be positioned so as to be ready for insertion in an orientation such that a posterior side of the lens is presented~~ when the package is opened.

49. (Cancelled)

50. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 1, wherein a cover is removed from a base to open the package.

51. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 50, wherein the cover is selected from the group consisting of aluminum foil, polypropylene, and combinations thereof.

52. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 50, wherein the cover is removable by a step selected from the group consisting of peeling, tearing, and lifting from the package.

53. (Cancelled)

54. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 50, further comprising a break-open edge.

55. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 54, wherein the break-open edge is ~~connected~~ coupled to the cover.

56. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 55, wherein the break-open edge may be broken off of the base.

57. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 56, wherein the cover is able to be removed from the base when the break-open edge has been broken off of the base.

58. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 50, wherein the base is selected from the group consisting of flat and molded.

59. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 50, wherein the cover has a handle.

60. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 1, wherein the package further comprises a spring disc.

61. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 60, wherein the spring disc is arched in its equilibrated state.

62. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 60, wherein the spring disc is held ~~flat~~ in a compressed state within the package while the package is sealed.

63. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 62, wherein the spring disc returns to its equilibrated arched state when the package is opened.

64. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 60, wherein the spring disc comprises one or more materials selected from the group consisting of polyolefins, silicones, and combinations thereof.

65. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 60, wherein the spring disc is comprised of projections extending from a circular base.

66. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 60, wherein the contact lens rests upon the spring disc within the package.

67. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 1, further comprising a protuberance upon which the contact lens rests within the package.

68. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 67, wherein the protuberance is an inflexible mound.

69. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 68, wherein the contact lens is held immobilized between the protuberance and a cover sheet.

70. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 1, further comprising ~~a textured~~ an embossed surface on at least one side of the package.

71. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 70₁ wherein the textured surface is on both sides of the package.

72. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 70₁ wherein the textured surface is on a handle.

73. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 70₁ wherein the textured surface is selected from the group consisting of raised bumps and ridges.

74. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 1₁ comprising polypropylene.

75. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 1₁ comprising polypropylene and foil.

76. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 1₁ wherein the package is selected from the group consisting of a sachet type package and a blister package.

77. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 1₁ wherein the package has a total thickness of between 1.0 mm and 3.00 mm.

78. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 1₁ wherein the package comprises a tear notch.

79. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 1₁ wherein the package comprises a tear tab.

80. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 50₁ wherein the base comprises a pointed edge.

81. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 80₁ wherein the pointed edge aids in removal of the cover.

82. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 81, wherein edges of the base may be bent to gain access to the contact lens.

83. (Currently Amended) A blister package comprising:
a molded base;
a cover; and
a contact lens ~~therein~~ disposed in said blister package;
wherein a distance between the molded base and the cover ~~the internal depth of the blister package~~ is less than the natural sagittal depth of the contact lens ~~therein~~.

84-88. (Cancelled)

89. (Currently Amended) A method of removing a contact lens from a contact lens package comprising the steps of:
placing a package comprising a spring disc and a contact lens on a finger;
pushing the finger through a center of the spring disc such that the contact lens ~~thereon~~ rests on the tip of the finger;
placing the contact lens that rests on the finger into an eye.

90-100. (Cancelled)

101. (Currently Amended) A ~~single-use~~ contact lens package for retaining a contact lens, ~~the package~~ comprising:
at least one barrier material defining an internal space for holding a contact lens;
a medium disposed in the internal space for maintaining lens hydration; and
~~means to enable~~ for enabling a release of the lens from said space;
wherein the at least one barrier layer is formed from a homogenous, pliable material.

102. (Currently Amended) A ~~single-use~~ contact lens package ~~capable of holding a contact lens therein~~ comprising:
two sheets of material; and
a support member between the two sheets of material;

wherein the two sheets of material are sealed and wherein the lens is confined in the package such that is always maintained in the same orientation inside the package.

103. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 102, wherein the support member is flexible.

104. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 102, wherein the support member is rigid.

105. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 102 wherein the support member surrounds a periphery of the lens.

106. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 102, wherein the support member comprises a netting.

107. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 106, wherein the netting supports the lens.

108. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 107, wherein the netting is made of a material selected from the group consisting of polyolefins, silicones, and combinations thereof.

109-110. (Cancelled)

111. (Currently Amended) A ~~single-use~~ contact lens package with a contact lens therein, wherein the package is configured such that when the package is opened, the lens is always oriented in the same ~~position~~ orientation as when it was placed into the package.

112. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 111, wherein the lens is oriented with a concave side of the lens facing a cover that may be removed to open the package.

113. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 111 wherein the lens is oriented with convex side of the lens facing a cover that may be removed to open the package.

114. (Currently Amended) The package of claim ~~111 wherein the lens is oriented to be grasped between two fingers for insertion into an eye when the package is opened~~ 113, wherein the convex side of the lens comprises an outer surface of said contact lens that is not configured to touch a surface of an eye.

115. (Cancelled)

116. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 111, wherein the package has an internal depth less than the sagittal depth of the contact lens therein.

117. (Currently Amended) The package of claim ~~116~~ 111, wherein ~~a space for the lens within the package is restricted and prevents the lens from changing position within the space~~ the lens is compressed within the package.

118-120. (Cancelled)

121. (Currently Amended) A single-use package with a contact lens therein, wherein the package has an internal depth that is less than an overall sagittal depth of the contact lens in its equilibrated form, wherein the package comprises:

two sheets of material sealed together, wherein at least one of the sheets has printing thereon; and

at least one corner that is not sealed so as to serve as an easy-open corner;

wherein the contact lens therein is held in ~~an at least partially flattened~~ a compressed state while the package is sealed and returns to its natural state when the package is opened; and

wherein the printing is selected from the group consisting of instructions for use and prescription information; and

wherein at least one of the sheets of material is embossed to prevent the lens from sticking to the sheet, thus ensuring that the lens is presented in a predictable orientation when the package is opened.

122. (Currently Amended) A ~~single-use~~ contact lens package with a contact lens therein, comprising:

~~two sheets of material sealed together;~~

a spring disc ~~between the sheets~~ disposed in said package; and

a hydration medium;

wherein the lens ~~in~~ is maintained in a ~~flattened~~ deformed state while the package is sealed.

123. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 122, further comprising a first space for a contact lens and a second space for at least a portion of the hydration medium.

124. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 122, wherein the spring disc is flexible.

125. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 122, wherein the spring disc is compressible.

126. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 122, wherein the spring disc comprises polypropylene.

127. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 125, wherein the lens is disposed on the spring disc, and wherein the lens decompresses ~~pops up~~ when the package is opened.

128. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 122, wherein the package ~~has an internal depth that~~ includes a first sheet of material and a second sheet of material, wherein a distance between said first sheet of material and said second sheet of material is less than a natural sagittal depth of the ~~contact lens~~ therein.

129. (Currently Amended) A method of dispensing a single-use contact lens package from a group of packages, the method comprising:

providing a dispensing container having a plurality of contact lens packages therein;

removing at least one contact lens package from the dispenser;

wherein the dispenser is a cylindrically shaped tube having one end for dispensing a contact lens package for a left eye and a second end for dispensing a contact lens package for a right eye.

130-131. (Cancelled)

132. (Currently Amended) A method for opening a single-use contact lens package having an internal depth that is less than the overall sagittal depth of an equilibrated contact lens therein, the method comprising separating a first barrier layer from a second barrier layer.

133. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 132, wherein the first barrier layer comprises a cover and the second barrier layer comprises a base.

134. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 133, wherein the first barrier layer comprises a first sheet of material and the second barrier layer comprises a second sheet of material.

135. (Currently Amended) A ~~single-use~~ contact lens package capable of holding a contact lens therein, the package comprising:

at least one barrier layer of pliable packaging material forming at least first and second opposing surfaces which define an internal package space in which the contact lens is retained;

a hydration medium in the space; and

means for enabling release of the contact lens from the package;

wherein the at least one barrier layer of material is flat and is flexible.

136. (Currently Amended) The package according to claim 135, wherein the ~~package~~ packaging material is capable of deformation in response to a load applied to the package.

137. (Currently Amended) The package according to claim 135, wherein the fluid provides a buffer to dissipate energy generated by external loads applied to the package.

138. (Currently Amended) The package according to claim 135, wherein the ~~package~~ packaging material comprises a single layer of the material that is folded back on itself and opposing edges of the material are heat sealed.

139. (Currently Amended) The package according to claim 135, wherein the ~~package~~ packaging material comprises two single layers sheets of different materials.

140. (Currently Amended) The package according to claim 135, wherein the ~~package~~ packaging material comprises two single layer sheets of identical material.

141. (Currently Amended) The package according to claim 135, wherein the package comprises a single sheet of multi-layer material that is folded back on itself and opposing edges of the material are heat sealed.

142. (Currently Amended) The package ~~material~~ according to claim 135, wherein the ~~package~~ packaging material comprises two sheets of identical multi-layer material.

143. (Currently Amended) The package according to claim 135, wherein the ~~package~~ packaging material comprises two sheets of different multi-layer material.

144. (Currently Amended) The package according to claim 135, wherein the means for enabling release of the contact lens from the package comprises a designated area in the package where the package may be opened by a method selected from the group consisting of peeling and tearing.

145. (Currently Amended) The package according to claim 144, wherein the means for enabling release further comprises one or more areas along a perimeter of the package wherein the at least one barrier layer is only lightly heat sealed.

146. (Currently Amended) The package according to claim 144, wherein opposing edges of the opposing surfaces are heat sealed.

147. (Currently Amended) The package according to claim 135, wherein the lens in the space is free to move inside the space defined by the opposing inner surfaces and edges of the space.

148. (Currently Amended) The package according to claim 135, wherein a first opposing surface opposes an anterior surface of the contact lens and a second opposing surface opposes a posterior surface of the contact lens.

149. (Currently Amended) The package according to 135, wherein, the at least one barrier layer comprises a multi-layer material wherein the multi-layer material comprises a metallic layer.

150. (Currently Amended) The package according to claim 149, wherein the multi-layer material further comprises an outer layer capable of displaying product indicia.

151. (Currently Amended) The package according to claim 150, wherein the multi-layer material comprises a polyolefin layer.

152. (Currently Amended) The package according to claim 151, wherein the outer layer engages an outer surface of a layer of aluminum.

153. (Currently Amended) The package according to claim 152, wherein the polyolefin layer comprises a polypropylene layer which engages an inner surface of the aluminum layer.

154. (Currently Amended) The package according to claim 135, having connected thereto at least one other identical package such that a set of at least two identical packages are formed.

155. (Currently Amended) The package according to claim 154, wherein each package is connected to an adjacent package via a frangible connection.

156. (Currently Amended) The package according to claim 135, comprising an additional package connected to the contact lens package and having therein a source of lens hydration medium.

157. (Currently Amended) The package according to claim 136, wherein the package material is pliable, allowing the package to withstand forces selected from the group consisting of deforming, flattening, twisting, bending, folding, crushing, and rolling in unison with the lens and without compromise to integrity of the lens.

158. (Currently Amended) A set of retort-type ~~single-use~~ contact lens packages for holding contact lenses therein, the packages each comprising:

at least one layer of pliable package material forming at least first and second opposing surfaces which define an internal package space in which ~~the~~ a contact lens is retained;

a medium ~~in the space~~ for maintaining lens hydration disposed in the internal package space; and

means for enabling release of the contact lens from the internal package space;

wherein the package material is capable of assuming a generally planar configuration; and

wherein the set is formed by jointing at least two of the packages end to end so that a single package may be torn away from an adjacent package via a frangible connection between the packages.

159. (Currently Amended) A retort-type single-use package comprising an internal space for holding a contact lens and a medium for maintaining lens hydration therein.

160. (Currently Amended) The package according to claim 159, wherein the pliability of the retort-type package enables the package to withstand force selected from the group consisting of rolling, folding, bending, twisting and flattening in unison with the lens without damage to the lens.

161. (Currently Amended) A secondary package for a plurality of contact lens packages comprising:

a container, wherein the contact lens packages contained ~~therein~~ in the container have an internal depth that is less than the ~~natural~~ sagittal depth of the contact lens ~~therein and wherein the container is a shape selected from the group consisting of a circle, rectangle, square, triangle, oval and symmetrical, asymmetrical and rounded variations thereof~~ contained in the contact lens packages.

162. (Currently Amended) The secondary package of claim 161, wherein the contact lens packages therein are in a configuration selected from the group consisting of a circle, a rectangle, a square, a triangle, an oval, parallel rows, and combinations thereof.

163. (Currently Amended) The secondary package of claim 162, wherein the contact lens packages are arranged in stacks.

164-165. (Cancelled)

166. (Currently Amended) The secondary package of claim 161, further comprising a contact lens package holder sheet upon which the contact lens packages are adhered.

167. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 166, wherein the package contains a plurality of the holder sheets.

168. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 161, wherein the secondary package contains a supply of contact lens packages selected from the group consisting of 30 days, 90 days and 180 days.

169. (Currently Amended) The secondary package of claim 161, further comprising a plurality of compartments for housing a plurality of stacks of contact lens packages.

170. (Currently Amended) The secondary package of claim 169, wherein the compartments are sealed and connected to one another by a cover.

171. (Currently Amended) The secondary package of claim 170, wherein the cover comprises vacuum formed PET.

172-178. (Cancelled)

179. (Currently Amended) A storage case for a plurality of contact lenses comprising:

a cover[,]; and

a container for a plurality of contact lenses;

wherein the container comprises a lift-out insert slideably coupled to the cover.

180. (Currently Amended) The storage case of claim 179, wherein the contact lenses comprise a plurality of individual packages;
each of the individual packages including a lens maintained in a deformed state.

181. (Currently Amended) The storage case of claim 179, wherein the contact lenses comprise at least one strip of connected contact lens packages folded in zigzag fashion.

182. (Currently Amended) The storage case of claim 179, wherein the case initially contains a supply of contact lenses selected from the group consisting of 30, 90 and 180 days.

183. (Currently Amended) The storage case of claim 179, further comprising tabs spaced between the contact lenses.

184. (Currently Amended) The storage case of claim 183, wherein the tabs indicate the number of remaining contact lenses.

185. (Currently Amended) The storage case of claim 179, wherein the lift-out insert comprises a handle.

186. (Currently Amended) The storage case of claim 179, wherein a travel pack of contact lenses may be attached to the lid of the storage case.

187. (Original) A dispensing case for a plurality of contact lenses comprising a cylindrical container wherein each of the two ends of the container open to dispense the contact lenses.

188. (Currently Amended) The dispensing case of claim 187, wherein the contact lenses therein are held in an angle.

189. (Currently Amended) The dispensing case of claim 188, wherein the contact lenses slide out of the dispensing case.

190. (Currently Amended) The dispensing case of claim 189, wherein one end dispenses contact lenses for a left eye and the other end dispenses contact lenses for a right eye.

191. (Currently Amended) A storage stand for a plurality of contact lens packages comprising a base and a wall extending from the base, wherein the wall comprises a means for attaching the plurality of contact lens packages to the wall ~~the lens packages to be attached thereto.~~

192. (Currently Amended) The storage stand of claim 191, wherein the lens packages snap onto the wall.

193. (Currently Amended) A storage means for storing a plurality of contact lenses comprising:

- a plurality of contact lens holder sheets with a narrow open slot;
- a plurality of contact lenses attached to the holder sheets;
- at least one container comprising a base with a narrow open guide and lid with a narrow open slot; and
- a stand comprising a base and a central extension[.];

wherein the holder sheets are stored within the container and wherein the container slides onto the base.

194. (Original) A contact lens delivery package comprising an aluminum coated envelope, a plurality of contact lens packages, and nitrogen gas, wherein the envelope is filled with the nitrogen gas prior to sealing.

195. (Currently Amended) A single-use package for retaining a contact lens therein, the package comprising;

- at least one package wall defining an internal space for holding the contact lens;
- a medium in the space for maintaining lens hydration;
- means ~~to enable~~ for enabling release of the lens from said space;
- wherein the at least one wall is formed from a pliable material.

196. (Cancelled)

197. (New) A contact lens package comprising:

- a first substrate;
- a second substrate sealingly coupled to said first substrate; and
- a contact lens hermetically sealed between said first substrate and said second substrate;

wherein a distance between said first substrate and said second substrate is less than a sagittal depth of said lens.

198. (New) The package of claim 197, wherein the contact lens has a sagittal depth of between 3.8 and 5.0 mm.

199. (New) The package of claim 197, wherein said first substrate comprises a rigid substrate.

200. (New) The package of claim 197, wherein said first substrate is a flexible substrate and said second substrate is a flexible substrate.

201. (New) The package of claim 197, wherein said contact lens is compressed between said first substrate and said second substrate.

202. (New) The package of claim 197, wherein the package comprises two sheets of material sealed together.

203. (New) The package of claim 202, wherein the sheets are sealed around an entire perimeter of the package.

204. (New) The package of claim 202, wherein the sheets are sealed in an area surrounding the contact lens.

205. (New) The package of claim 204, further comprising a seal around a perimeter of the package, wherein the seal in the area surrounding the contact lens is stronger than the seal around the perimeter of the package.

206. (New) The package of claim 202, wherein the sheets are each multi-layer laminates.

207. (New) The package of claim 202, wherein the sheets comprise polyolefin.

208. (New) The package of claim 202, wherein one sheet is a multi-layer laminate and the other sheet is polyolefin.

209. (New) The package of claim 208, wherein the multi-layer laminate comprises one or more materials selected from the group consisting of polyethylene terephthalate, polypropylene, and aluminum.

210. (New) The package of claim 197, wherein the package has a first space containing a hydration medium.

211. (New) The package of claim 210, further comprising a second space containing a hydration medium.

212. (New) The package of claim 211, wherein the lens is disposed in the first space; and

wherein the hydration medium in the second space is separated from the first space by a seam between the two sheets of material.

213. (New) The package of claim 212, wherein the second space for hydration medium is flexibly coupled to the first space.

214. (New) The package of claim 212, wherein the second space for hydration medium is coupled to the first space by a frangible connection.

215. (New) The package of claim 202, wherein each of the two sheets is flat.

216. (New) The package of claim 202, wherein the two sheets are separated by a support member.

217. (New) The package of claim 216, wherein the support member surrounds a periphery of the lens.

218. (New) The package of claim 217, wherein the support member includes a netting.

219. (New) The package of claim 202, wherein at least one of the sheets is transparent.

220. (New) The package of claim 202, wherein at least one surface of at least one of the sheets is colored.

221. (New) The package of claim 202, wherein at least one of the sheets is embossed.

222. (New) The package of claim 197, wherein the internal package configuration maintains the lens in an orientation such that a posterior side of the lens is presented when the package is opened.

223. (New) The package of claim 197, further comprising a spring disc having said lens disposed thereon;
wherein said spring disc is configured to decompress said lens when said package is opened.

224. (New) The package of claim 223, wherein the spring disc is arched in an equilibrated state.

225. (New) The package of claim 224, wherein the spring disc is flat when sealed in the package; and
wherein the spring disc returns to its equilibrated arched state when the package is opened.

226. (New) A contact lens package comprising:
a first flexible substrate;
a second flexible substrate sealingly coupled to said first substrate; and
a contact lens hermetically sealed between said first substrate and said second substrate.

227. (New) A contact lens packaging system comprising:
a first contact lens package including a concave surface and a convex surface; and
a second contact lens package including a concave surface and a convex surface;
wherein said concave surface of said first contact lens package is configured to receive
said convex surface of said second contact lens package.

228. (New) The contact lens packaging system of claim 227, wherein said first
contact lens package comprises a rigid contact lens package; and
wherein said second contact lens package comprises a rigid contact lens package.

229. (New) The contact lens packaging system of claim 228, wherein said first
contact lens package is a flexible contact lens package; and
wherein said second contact lens package is a flexible contact lens package.

230. (New) A method for stacking a plurality of contact lens packages comprising:
receiving a first contact lens package having a concave surface and a convex surface;
obtaining a second contact lens package having a concave surface and a convex
surface; and
orienting the first contact lens package and the second contact lens package such that
the concave surface of the first contact lens package receives the convex surface of the second
contact lens package.

231. (New) The method of claim 230, further comprising inserting the oriented first
lens package and the second contact lens packages into a secondary case.

232. (New) a spring disc for use with a contact lens comprising:
a circular base; and
a plurality of protrusions coupled to the circular base;
wherein the plurality of protrusions extend from the circular base; and
wherein the plurality of protrusions extend from the circular base in an arch when the
spring disc is in an equilibrated state.

233. (New) The spring disc of claim 232, wherein the plurality of protrusions are configured to be compressed into a flat plane parallel with the circular base when placed within a sealed package.

234. (New) The spring disc of claim 233, wherein the plurality of protrusions are configured to return to an equilibrated arched shape when the sealed package is opened.

235. (New) The spring disc of claim 232, wherein the spring disc comprises one or more materials selected from the group consisting of polyolefins, and silicones.

236. (New) A contact lens package comprising:
a first substrate forming a base; and
a second substrate forming a cover;
wherein at least one of the first substrate or the second substrate is embossed.

237. (New) The contact lens package of claim 236, wherein the at least one embossed substrate is embossed with one or more patterns selected from an abstract pattern, a grid, and a logo.

238. (New) The contact lens package of claim 236, wherein the at least one embossed substrate is configured to maintain a contact lens in the contact lens package such that the lens is always maintained in the same orientation while inside the package.